

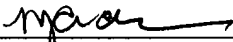
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| TOTAL | 47 | - | 48 | = | 0 | \$18 | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT | 4 | - | 4 | = | 0 | \$84 | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | | \$280 | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | \$0.00 |

- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: Ib MENDEL-HARTVIG et al. Conf.: 4436
Appl. No.: 09/972,882 Group: 1641
Filed: October 10, 2001 Examiner: G.W. Counts
For: ASSAY METHOD AND KIT THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 14, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued August 14, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following amended paragraph.

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The term "amount" as used herein usually means binding capacity. Thus, for example, when it is stated that the amount of analyte-specific receptor is in excess of the amount of analyte, it means that there is more analyte-specific receptor than necessary to bind all analyte. Usually, there is a 1:1 reaction ratio between e.g. the analyte and the analyte-specific receptor, or between the analyte specific receptor and the immobilized receptor-binding